

**JOHN JAMES AND MARGARET
ELIZA ROBINS HENRY SMITH**

John James Smith was born August 7, 1839, at Nauvoo, Illinois, son of Jackson Osbourne and Mary Marie Owens Smith. He married Margaret Eliza Robins Henry. She was born October 30, 1844, daughter of John and Eliza Humphreys Robins of Preese, Shropshire, England. John died September 15, 1915, and Eliza on December 16, 1926.

Her father was born on March 2, 1814, and died March 7, 1887. Her mother was born March 2, 1814, at Shropshire, England. Margaret Eliza Robins was married to

Alfred Platt Blake Henry. They had two sons, Alfred, who was born in March, 1864, and died at birth, and John James Henry, born September 2, 1865, both at Heber. John James never married, but lived with his mother as long as she lived, working at various jobs to take care of his mother. Not many years before his death, February 20, 1903, he built a new little frame home to replace the log cabin they lived in.

Eliza cooked for gangs of men who were building the railroad into Utah. During her early days on Daniel Creek she picked hops from vines along the creek to sell to a fellow in Heber who used them. She often told how she had to borrow hot coals from neighbors to start fires at times. She was a very pretty young woman and was chosen as the Goddess of Liberty for a Fourth of July celebration in Heber in the early days. She was a very fine quilt maker. As she grew older her eyes were covered with cataracts, so she was blind.

He freighted across the plains in his early life. It was said teamsters would marvel how well he could handle his teams. He used the bull whip as others did, but could "crack" it without touching his animals. They would reach journey's end in very good shape and make good time.

Eliza's and John's children were: Oliver Jackson, Lydia Ann, Joseph Hyrum, William Isaac Smith, Francis Phileman, Minnie (died), Armenia (died), and Raymond (died).

CHARLES EDWIN AND MARIA PRICE THACKER

Charles Edwin Thacker was born August 18, 1862, in Salt Lake City, son of William and Rachel Tonks Thacker. He married Maria Rawlins Price on November 29, 1882, in the Endowment House, ceremony by Daniel H. Wells. She was born August 22, 1864, at Ash Hollow, Nebraska, in a wagon on the way to Utah, daughter of James and



Ann Powell Price Jr. Charles died June 8, 1933, and Maria died July 28, 1937, at Charleston.

His parents homesteaded at Smithfield, in Cache Valley, and in Summit County before coming to Wasatch County in 1871, where they took up a homestead in Buysville.

Charles often told of herding their cattle on the grassy hills near Daniel and other chores performed by pioneer children.

When he was 19 years old he became very ill and had to have a lot of nursing. One of those who helped was Maria Rawlins Price, a lovely brown-haired girl with beautiful brown eyes. She was a daughter of James Price Jr. and Ann Powell, and was born while her parents were coming to Utah in a wagon train. The train stopped in Ash Hollow, Nebraska, long enough for her to make her appearance on August 22, 1864, and then wound on the long journey to Great Salt Lake Valley. She was named Maria Rawlins for the captain of the wagon train, Joseph S. Rawlins.

Maria and Charles were married in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City by Daniel H. Wells, on November 29, 1882. They lived in Buysville several years, where Charles farmed and worked at various jobs available. He was fond of working with oxen and was a great trader in horses, mules, oxen and range cattle, and always had some around. He owned and worked 10 yoke of oxen (two head) at one time. He took timber contracts at the Park City mines when they were booming, camping there for two or three summers in the mountains above Park City, and furnished timbers for the mines, along with other men from Heber.

He had a deep love for the mountains, so he bought a shingle mill and took his little family to the mountains to run it.

DANIEL BIOGRAPHIES

Many of the shingles on the homes in Heber Valley came from his mill. He had an interest in a business in the Teton Basin in Idaho at one time, but he always returned to Wasatch.

Charles and his brother Fred bought a ranch on Blacks Fork, Wyoming, at one-half interest apiece, that Dr. Brewster, doctor at Ft. Bridger when the soldiers were there, had bought and built a large two-family home on. Mrs. Charlie Handley of Ogden owned the ranch and had been leasing it out. Charles also owned and operated a sawmill on Sage Creek, Wyo., west and north over the mountains from Henrys Fork. He took a contract from the Bell Telephone Co. to furnish 30 miles of poles from Carter Station on the Union Pacific Railroad to Lone Tree, Wyo. It was a big job, red pine poles 25 feet long and 8 inches at the tip. The poles had to be cut and peeled by hand with axes. It was grueling work. Took two years for that job along with the sawmilling. This was the first telephone line in that country. Messages were delivered by horseback until the line was put in.

His own son, Dave, hauled more of those poles than anyone else, with four horses. Scattered them along the entire 30 miles. Fifty-five years later, in the fall of 1958 Dave visited this line and some of those poles are still standing. Some have been braced and some replaced.

After returning from Wyoming he owned and operated a sawmill in Daniels Canyon and Strawberry Valley.

In 1899, they were living in Charleston when the railroad came to Wasatch County. The right of way went through the home of Charles and Maria's, or "Aunt Nina's," as she was affectionately called. The railroad company bought their property and they went to Bridger, Wyoming, where they purchased Fred's one half of the ranch on Black's Fork. After about four years they sold their ranch in Wyoming and returned to Charleston in 1903 where they began sawmilling in Daniel Canyon.

These people were good, kindly people and they gave many a weary traveler a meal and a bed. They also took care of their aging parents and raised several children besides their own large family of 13, 10 of whom they reared to maturity. They were beloved by all who knew them, especially their children and grandchildren.

They engaged in ranching and stock raising in the Uintah Basin from 1916 to 1921 after which they again returned to Charleston where they lived until their deaths. Charles suffered a stroke in the early summer of 1933. He was buried in Charleston cemetery. Maria died four years later, on July 28, 1937, and she was laid beside her beloved husband.

Their children are: Charles David, Rachel Ann, Tessie Maria, William Price, Leah Charlotte, Rawlins, Olive Millie, Hazel, George Angus, Ray Alvin, Isabelle, Eva and Grant.

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